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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3810

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS KU
SUBJ: A4 AIRCRAFT

REF: KUWAIT 3559 (DTG 250847Z AUG 74)

1. A REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF KUWAIT AIR FORCE INDICATES THAT RECEIPT OF NEW TRAINING AIRCRAFT IS THE TIME PACING ITEM IN THEIR MODERNIZATION PLAN. CURRENTLY THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF PILOTS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF TRAINING LOCALLY. AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY USED ARE THE BRITISH STRIKEMASTER FOR PRIMARY AND THE HUNTER, FOR ADVANCED/OPERATIONAL TRAINING. THE AGING HUNTER HAS A VERY LOW AVAILABILITY RATE WHICH IS SERIOUSLY IMPACTING THEIR TRAINING PROGRAM. THEY DESIRE TO PHASE THIS AIRCRAFT OUT WITHIN A YEAR IF IT WERE POSSIBLE.

2. THE RECEIPT OF 4 TO 6 TA4 AIRCRAFT BY THE END OF CY75 WOULD BE OF MAJOR ASSISTANCE TO THE KAF. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS WOULD ENSURE A QUICK CONSUMMATION OF A LETTER OF OFFER AS WELL AS DEVELOP A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY MISSION INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THEREOF.

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3. REQUEST ADVICE AS TO WHETHER 4 TO 6 TA4J/F AIRCRAFT COULD

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BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A LOAN/BAILMENT BASIS FOR USE UNTIL
RECEIPT OF TA4 AIRCRAFT ABOUT TO BE PROCURED BY THE GOK.

4. AT PRESENT, THIS REPRESENTS OUR IN-HOUSE THOUGHTS ON HOW
THE USG COULD BEST ASSIST THE GOK IN EXPEDITING THEIR PLANS
FOR MODERNIZING THEIR AIR FORCE. LOAN/BAILMENT OF TA4J/F
ACRFT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE KAF AND WILL
NOT UNLESS WE CAN HAVE SOME REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT IS
WITHIN THE REALM OF THE FEASIBLE.

5. REQUEST ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE
BROACHED TO THE KAF.
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